

I believe that Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a glaring example of the dangers of media consolidation that are becoming so pervasive in this country.

Since Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, they are obligated by law to serve the public interest. When large corporations control the airways, the public interest, and hence, democracy, is compromised. Instead of something produced at far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter. The fate of democracy hinges on this very important issue.

Sinclair's actions are a prime example of why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.